

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **29 October 2008**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-36. Examiner objected to claims 4-5, 17-18, 27-28, and 31-32 as being indefinite. Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-17, 19-31, and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based one Pruthi (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0015581, hereinafter “Pruthi”). Examiner objected to claims 5, 18, and 32 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Objections to the Claims

Examiner objected to claims 4-5, 17-18, 27-28, and 31-32 as being indefinite. Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 4, 8, 14, 15, 17, 20, 24, 25, 27-29, 31, and 33 to remove the “C1,” “C2,” “C3,” and “C4” language. No new matter has been added. Claims 5, 18, 28, and 32 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Allowable Subject Matter

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Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8, 14, 20, 24, 28, and 37-40 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-4, 6, and 7, which depend upon claim 1, claims 9-11, which depend upon claim 8, claims 15-17 and 19, which depend upon claim 14, claims 21-23, which depend upon claim 20, claims 25-27, which depend on claim 24, claims 29-31, which depend on claim 28, and claims 34-36, which depend upon claim 33, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the application is presently in form for allowance.
Such action is respectfully requested.

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